

## REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended at page 11, line 17, to make a minor clarification, which is believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure.

Further, by the present preliminary amendment original Claims 1-58 are cancelled and new Claims 59-251 are presented for examination. The new claims no longer recite any improper multiple dependencies. Further, the new claims are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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12-21-01IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, lines 15-19, delete the paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

--The radioactive substance container according to the next invention is the radioactive substance container described above in which a [section of the] boring punch used for hot dilation forming has a dimension and a shape which approach to the section of the basket for used nuclear fuel aggregate.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-58 (Cancelled).

Claims 59-251 (New).